

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, ~~connecting with a~~ the multifunction apparatus being connected to a discrete server via a network, the discrete server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising;

a panel configured to display [[a]] the menu, the menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus; and

a controller configured to communicate with the discrete server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the discrete server, and ~~to have the menu displayed~~ display, on the panel, the menu representing the functions of the multifunction apparatus, based on the information regarding the menu received from the discrete server.

2. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is ~~commonly~~ utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

3. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

4. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

5. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.

6. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, the menu item name indicating a job that the multifunction apparatus performs.

7. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, a job-ID and a job parameter.

8. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the multifunction apparatus additionally has at least one of a scanning, printing, and a facsimile transmission function and the job ID includes at least one of copying, printing, scanning and fax transmission.

9. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type and paper size for copying.

10. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size and resolution for printing.

11. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for scanning.

12. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for facsimile transmission.

13. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, ~~connected with a~~ the multifunction apparatus being connected to a discrete server via a network, the discrete server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising;

~~a panel~~ a display configured to display ~~[[a]] the menu, the menu~~ representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

~~a panel that has a key configured to obtain, the key being configured to be utilized for obtaining~~ the information regarding ~~[[a]] the menu from the discrete server; and~~

a controller ~~that, when the key is operated, being~~ configured to communicate with the discrete server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the discrete server, and to ~~have the menu displayed display, on the panel display, the menu representing the functions of the malfunction apparatus,~~ based on the information regarding the menu, ~~when the key is pressed received from the discrete server.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a ~~function of a copier, connecting with~~ copying function, the multifunction apparatus being connected to a discrete server via a network, the discrete server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising;

~~a panel~~ a display configured to display ~~[[a]] the menu, the menu~~ representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

~~a key configured to input~~ a panel that has a key, the key being configured to be utilized for inputting user ID; and

a controller ~~that, when the user ID is input via the panel, is~~ configured to communicate with the discrete server, to receive the information regarding ~~[[a]] the menu~~ corresponding to the

user ID from the discrete server, and to have display on the display the menu corresponding to the user ID ~~displayed on the panel~~ based on the information regarding the menu received from the discrete server.

15. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting~~ that is connected with a discrete multifunction apparatus via a network, the server comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a memory configured to store data; and

a controller configured to send a signal to the multifunction apparatus for obtaining information regarding a menu that is ~~displayed~~ displayable on a ~~panel display~~ of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus, and to store the information regarding the menu in ~~[[a]]~~ the memory of the server.

16. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 15, wherein~~[[,]]~~ the information regarding the menu contains information regarding a maximum number of characters that can be displayed on the display of the multifunction apparatus.

17. (Original) The server according to claim 15, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

18. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 15, wherein the controller ~~being~~ is further configured to transmit the information stored in the memory to ~~the panel of the another~~ multifunction apparatus distinct from the multifunction apparatus from which the information was obtained.

19. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting with a~~ that is connected with a discrete multifunction apparatus via a network, the server comprising;

~~a key configured to send~~ a panel that has a key, the key being configured for sending a signal for obtaining information regarding a menu from the multifunction apparatuses ~~apparatus~~;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

~~a memory configured to store data; and~~

a controller ~~that, when the key is operated, is~~ configured to send a signal to the multifunction apparatus for obtaining information regarding the menu that is displayed on a ~~panel display~~ of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus, and to store the information ~~in a memory, when the key is pressed regarding the menu in the memory of the server.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting~~ connected to a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network, the server being discrete from each of the multifunction apparatuses, the server comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with a ~~the~~ plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network;

~~a memory configured to store data; and~~

a controller configured to send ~~[[the]]~~ a signal for obtaining information regarding menus to ~~all of a~~ the plurality of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menus from ~~all of a~~ each of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, and to store the information regarding the menus in ~~[[a]] the memory of the server.~~

21. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting~~ connected to a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network, the server being discrete from each of the multifunction apparatuses, the server comprising;

~~a key configured to send a panel that has a key, the key being utilized for sending a signal~~
for obtaining information regarding menus from ~~all of a~~ plurality of multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network;

a memory configured to store data; and

a controller that, when the key is operated, is configured to send the signal to ~~all of a~~ the plurality of ~~the multifunction apparatus when a key is pressed~~ multifunction apparatuses, to obtain the information regarding the menus from ~~all of a~~ each of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, and to store the information regarding the menus in ~~a~~ the memory of the server.

22. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting a~~ connected to a discrete multifunction apparatus via a network, the server comprising;

a memory configured to store information regarding a menu that is ~~displayed~~ displayable on a ~~panel~~ display of the multifunction apparatus;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network; and

a controller configured to receive a signal from the multifunction apparatus ~~for~~ requesting the information regarding ~~[[a]]~~ the menu, and to transmit the information regarding the menu to the multifunction apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 22, wherein the information regarding the menu ~~is formed based on~~ comprises first information regarding a maximum number of characters that can be displayed on the ~~panel~~ display of the multifunction apparatus and second information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

24. (Currently Amended) A server ~~connecting~~ connected to a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network, the server being discrete from each of the multifunction apparatuses,
the server comprising;

a memory configured to store information regarding menus of a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with ~~the multifunction apparatus~~ the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network; and

a controller configured to receive, from one of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, a signal ~~for~~ requesting the information regarding a menu ~~with together~~ together with a user ID ~~from the multifunction apparatus,~~ to search the memory for the information regarding the menu corresponding to the user ID, and to transmit, to the one of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, the information regarding the menu ~~to the multifunction apparatus in association with the user ID~~ corresponding to the user ID.

25-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a scanning function and not having a facsimile transmission function, the multifunction apparatus connected with a server via a network, the server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising[[:]] ;

a scanner configured to scan a document;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus; and

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive the information regarding ~~[[a]]~~ the menu from the server, and to have display a menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu received from the server, and ,

~~said controller configures~~ the controller being further configured to send, to the server, based on the information regarding the menu, ~~[[a]]~~ scanned image data ~~with together together~~ with predetermined information indicating ~~[[a]]~~ another multifunction apparatus ~~which can transmit having a facsimile transmission function and being capable of transmitting~~ the image data to a recipient, when a predetermined menu indicating a facsimile transmission function is displayed on the panel ~~based on the information regarding the menu, and of the multifunction apparatus, the information regarding the menu including the predetermined menu indicating the facsimile transmission function, and when~~ a facsimile transmission is selected on the predetermined menu,

whereby the server transmits, to the another multifunction apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus, based on the predetermined information, the server being distinct from the multifunction apparatus and from the another multifunction apparatus.

29. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the controller utilizes a scanning function to scan a document, when the facsimile transmission is selected on the menu.

30. (Currently Amended) A ~~server~~ system including a server and a discrete multifunction apparatus ~~connecting~~ connected with each other ~~via network~~ via a network, comprising;

the server comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to send a signal for obtaining information regarding a menu that is ~~displayed~~ displayable on a ~~panel~~ display of the multifunction apparatus, and to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus;

the multifunction apparatus comprising;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the server, and to ~~have~~ display the menu ~~displayed~~ on the ~~panel~~ display based on the information regarding the menu.

31. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a multifunction apparatus having at least copying function, the multifunction apparatus ~~connecting a~~ being connected to a discrete server via a network, the server storing information regarding a menu, the multifunction apparatus having a ~~panel~~ a display that displays a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus, the method comprising;

communicating with the server;

receiving the information regarding the menu from the server; and

~~having~~ displaying the menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus ~~displayed on the panel of~~ the display of the multifunction apparatus, based on the information regarding the menu.

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is ~~commonly~~ utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

33. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

34. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 34, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.